

TOWN OF LOS GATOS
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SUMMARY MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE** OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS FOR APRIL 15, 2009, HELD IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 110 E MAIN STREET, LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA.

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 P.M. by Chair Cowan.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Bob Cowan, Len Pacheco, Phil Micciche, Charles Erekson and John Almash
Staff Present: Sandy Baily, Associate Planner

ITEM 1: 236 BEAN AVENUE

The Committee considered plans for exterior alterations to a single family residence in the Almond Grove Historic District. Pacheco moved to continue the matter with the following directions:

1. Look at alternatives to soften the front entry.
2. Provide details of the bay.

Erekson seconded, motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 2: OTHER BUSINESS

- a. 334 Tait Avenue – The Committee discussed preliminary plans to add onto a single family residence. A comment was made that the house was asymmetrical and the proposed porches made the house too symmetrical. Committee discussed that the covered porches added to the mass of the house. A suggestion was made that the northern porch be removed and that windows be incorporated instead. The Committee agreed that the existing enclosed porch should be retained since it was a character defining feature of the house. The applicant was directed to look at what the original window style was and to carry that style throughout the addition to not compete with the existing multi-lites of the enclosed porch.
- b. Alternative building materials – The Committee discussed when it was appropriate to use alternative building materials. Architects Gary Schloh and Jay Plett assisted in the discussion. The following comments were made:
 - Synthetic materials must maintain the historic character of the material and look real.
 - A material that “looks good” is subjective and needs to be better defined.
 - Materials that have a green certification are preferred.
 - Longevity is important.
 - Current synthetic siding typically cannot match historic profiles and should not be recommended.

- Manufactured masonry material (stone/brick) can look good, but not if it is installed incorrectly.
- Preference is to use natural products which match existing. Consideration needs to be made regarding if the product is attainable and if it is environmentally sound.

ITEM 3: **STATUS OF PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS**

Baily discussed previous applications.

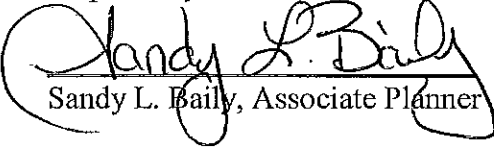
ITEM 4: **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the meeting of January 21, March 18 and April 1, 2009 were unanimously approved.

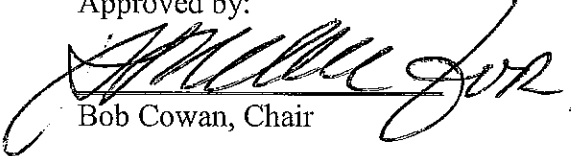
ITEM 5: **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 P.M. to the next regular meeting on May 20, 2009.

Prepared by:


Sandy L. Baily, Associate Planner

Approved by:


Bob Cowan, Chair

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